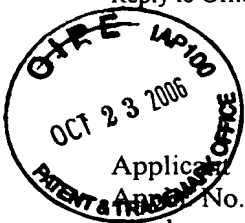


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Applicant : Andi Vonlanthen
App. No. : 10/766,162
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Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT "D"

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated June 19, 2006 (Paper No. 20060610). The three-month period for responding to the Office Action expired on September 19, 2006. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests and petitions that the response be extended for one month, up to and including October 19, 2006. Please charge the extension of time fee of \$120.00 to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, Order No. 31856US3.

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

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